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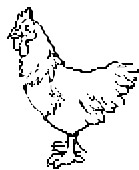
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are trending higher in the East, unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in the East, steady in other areas. Retail demand ranged fair to fairly good at times, mostly moderate. More active trading was noted into food service. Supplies were in good balance in the East, however, in the West offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate. In the parts structure, trading was moderate to good moving into the weekend. Boneless-skinless breasts were mixed in availability with the smaller sized cuts noted in the closest position. Tenderloins continued to clear well. Wings irregular, but often noted as improving. The balance of parts were sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range, but mostly desirable.

**Preliminary report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 09/09/02-09/14/02 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	45.00-48.00	44.00-59.75	47.66	25
Los Angeles	69.00			
New York	48.00-51.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	61.75-64.00	46.00-66.50	63.72	84

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 64.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
822	55.25-66.50	64.11

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	182.50	942
BREASTS - B/S	158.00	4,368
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00	1,140
THIGH MEAT - B/S	57.50	606
LEG QUARTERS	18.50	7,945
WINGS	52.00	2,942

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**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices into the Chicago area were unchanged. Whole fryer trade sentiment remained steady. Wog and whole fryer offers were available for a much improved buyer interest. Retail and food service demand continued the week's erratic pattern, but Friday orders were for the most part improved over prior days activity. Movement was generally moderate to occasionally fairly good. Floor stocks were in a full range. Weights mostly desirable. Trading on parts was best for tenderloins, otherwise cautious, limited and price sensitive. Supplies of wings, large boneless/skinless breasts and dark meat items fully sufficient with small sized boneless/skinless breasts in close balance. The market tone was unsettled on boneless/skinless breasts, steady to firm on tenderloins and steady on all other items.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was full steady on light trading. Demand was fair with traders assessing needs and watching further market developments. Supplies were usually sufficient for requirements. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate. Tenders were balanced to close, wings were improving, balance of items were adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular, but mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last week's levels. Trading reported for next week's deliveries on regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices with new negotiations at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings were fully adequate. Discounts readily available for additional product as sellers' tried to stimulate the moderate buyers' interest. Demand was moderate to good, best where features in progress. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Trade sentiment was generally steady on parts with boneless breasts in the strongest position. Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated): Southern California - whole body 55-139, whole cut-up 87-139, roaster 97, boneless breast 167-399, split breast 89-199, whole leg 67, leg quarter 77, seasoned leg quarter 77, leg quarter 10# bag 390, leg quarter 40# case 999, wings 127-169, wings 40# case 2399, thigh 67-169, thigh 4# IQF 396, drumstick 67-169, drumstick 4# IQF 396, chicken kabob 197, chicken fajitas meat 197, 50 pieces (25 drumstick and 25 thigh) fried for 1799, 8 pieces (mixed) 499; Northern California - whole body 57-139, boneless breast 249-449, boneless breast marinated 399, split breast 169, drumstick 77-149, thigh 77-149, leg quarter 99, wing 99-149; Colorado - whole body 99, boneless breast marinated 399, boneless breast 4# IQF 899, split breast 97, drumstick 79, thigh 79, fried breast tenders 449; Arizona - whole body 54-59, whole cut-up 89, boneless breast 199-419, boneless breast 4# IQF 899, boneless breast marinated 449-499, breast tenders 199-349, boneless thigh meat 129, split breast 99-199, drumstick 59-149, thigh 59-149, whole leg 44-89, wing 4# IQF 549-799, chicken fajitas meat 399.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were no more than adequate to closely cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm. In the parts complex, breast items were sufficient. Dark meat cuts were clearing well. tenderloins were about adequate and wings were sufficient.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was sufficient in keeping the bulk of supplies in good balance to well cleared. Offerings were generally reduced due to plants closing on Monday, Labor Day. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights varied from plant to plant. Processor schedules were heavy when combined with operations slated for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 50 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady, instances firm. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate to short of immediate needs, generally more available for later delivery. \*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

		BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE		46-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		51.86
NO. OF BOXES		8,566
CUMULATIVE0	9/02/02-09/06/02	51.70
	09/03/01-09/07/01	60.95
NO. OF BOXES	09/02/02-09/06/02	39,560
	09/03/01-09/07/01	57,025

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

SEP 05

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

SEP 06

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	856	139.00-223.00	142-150	145.57	906	138.00-223.00	142-148	144.65	3,402	145.50
TENDERLOINS	128	122.00-190.00	-	141.36	143	120.00-190.00	120-127	138.21	471	141.20
BREAST - LINE RUN	110	84.00-89.00	84-86	85.95	93	83.00-88.00	84-85	85.00	403	84.70
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				110	68.00-76.00	-	71.73	330	72.27
LEGS	88	21.00-34.00	21-22	22.18	87	21.00-34.00	21-22	22.08	350	22.12
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	348	14.00-17.00	15	14.93	438	15.00-17.00	15	15.17	1,562	15.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,376	15.00-26.00	18-19	18.77	1,504	16.00-26.00	18-19	18.91	5,441	18.76
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	53.00-57.00	54-56	54.21	286	52.00-57.00	54-55	54.01	1,131	54.16
WINGS (CUT)	371	63.00-75.00	63-65	64.91	419	63.00-77.00	64-66	67.02	1,606	66.29
DRUMSTICKS	68	34.00-47.00	-	35.51	70	34.00-47.00	-	35.45	272	35.42
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				26	34.00-44.00	-	36.45	112	36.52
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				80	62.00

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR SEP 05, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S

RANGE

42.50 - 46.50

AVERAGE

44.13

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR SEP 06, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S

RANGE

41.50 - 46.50

AVERAGE

43.45

5-DAY

AVERAGE

43.68

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS.** Trucklot buying activity was moderate to fairly good at times as dealers assumed product to cover weekend needs. Offerings of breast items were sufficient. Dark meat cuts were better balanced. Wings were clearing well and tenderloins were in close balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair, and food service draw was moderate. The market tone was at least steady to fully steady. ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLIVRD TO 1ST RCVRS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

SEP 05

CURRENT NEG

WTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150	152.97	393,920
TENDERLOINS	120-125	122.59	192,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	87.36	172,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	85.06	108,920
LEGS	31-32	34.12	153,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.06	645,551
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	30.09	139,030
THIGHS	19-20	28.30	91,220
B/S THIGHS	60-61	57.60	112,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	50-51	55.97	232,690
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.03	38,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	22.08	14,800
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	55.47	18,040

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

SEP 06

WEEKLY

CURRENT NEG

WTD

TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
150152.49	390,740	152.451,554,200		
120-125121.64	114,760	122.07 476,720		
81-8287.73	162,040	87.35 718,840		
8183.98 172,680	83.79	628,200		31-32
33.25 198,080	34.63	650,840		17-18
18.41 482,443	18.34	2,257,114		29-30
31.69154,460	32.08	509,700		19-20
30.9877,290	30.14	312,090		60-61
60.3167,200	59.57	294,170		50-51
54.71 223,550	55.90	949,740		10-12
12.0235,040	12.24	137,440		20-25
24.0516,400	22.48	54,460		45-50
57.6024,560	55.37	91,030		

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	09/06	09/05	09/04	09/03	09/04	09/03	08/30	08/28
ALA	4,317	4,105	4,056	4,040	5.13	5.17	4,504	5.01
ARK	6,513	6,245	5,319	5,225	4.94	5.00	7,233	4.91
DELMARVA	2,848	2,408	2,404	2,374	5.09	5.19	2,808	5.03
KY-LA-TN	2,147	2,022	2,044	1,888	4.68	4.68	2,392	4.43
MISS	3,227	2,887	2,851	2,700	5.29	5.36	3,231	5.20
NC	2,841	2,674	2,602	2,659	6.05	6.07	2,453	5.91
TEXAS	2,567	2,484	2,446	2,490	4.88	4.82	2,651	4.83
TOTAL	24,460	22,825	21,722	21,357	5.14	5.18	25,272	5.05
MON-FRI	96,539(A)				111,800(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-Sep 02 and 7-Sep-02 is estimated to be 36,595,000 down 3.50 percent from a week ago and down 5.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 37,923,000; last year 38,699,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 07-Sep-02 is estimated to be 138,626,000 head down 16 percent from a week ago, and down 2 percent from a year ago (Last week 165,624,000 Last year 141,857,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
(L.A. AREA)**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	75
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	96-103
	ICE PACK	94-95
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	94-98
DUCKS		152-166

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 24-Aug-02 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning  
Food service  
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	THOUSANDS		
Head	14,2758,249	16,530	
Avg Weight	3.904.78	6.30	
% of total /1	37%21%	42%	

## COMPARISONS

Last week	15,90615,741	22,779
Avg Weight	3.874.84	5.84
% of total /1	29%29%	42%

Same week, yr ago /2	22,73521,875	29,294
Avg Weight	3.794.78	6.12
% of total /1	31%30%	40%

To date/2002	918,506782,3121,454,139
To date/2001	1,095,652929,4511,480,814

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.  
/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 31-Aug-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
HEAD	165,624	1,848	1,640	3,488	384
AVG WT	4.90	3.34	8.05	5.55	6.42
LAST WEEK	160,767	1,779	1,650	3,429	405
SAME WK YR AGO	161,602	1,924	1,410	3,334	573
AVG WT	5.01	3.51	8.29	5.53	6.60
TO-DATE/2002	5,440,868	61,890	48,478	110,368	14,972
TO-DATE/2001	5,379,259	61,856	48,196	110,052	17,572

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 167.6 million head or 10.4 million head more than or 107% of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: SEP 03, 2002**

\*\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY\*\*\*

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.75 - .90	Silkie 1.00 - 1.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.75 - 1.00	Geese 9-14 .50 - .60
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.20 - .40	Pigeons 1.00 - 2.50ea.
Red Fowl 5-6	.30 - .46	White Pigeons 1.00 - 2.00ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.20 - .30	Rabbits 4-6 .30 - .50
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.20 - .35	Rabbits 7-11 .30 - .40
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.20 - .40	Bunnies 1.00 - 3.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	.45 - .60	Guinea Pigs 4.00 - 6.00ea.
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 3.00ea.	Goats 12.00 - 20.00ea.
Banty Hens	1.50 - 2.00ea.	Doves 2.50 - 4.00ea.
Leghorn Roosters	.10 - .12	Chukars 1.90 - 2.50ea.

Total Coops Sold 470

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 09-SEP-2001

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	137	143
MIDWEST MOSTLY	122-126	123-127

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	52-57	56-57
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-85	63-75

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was mostly moderate to at times fairly good. Weights were desirable. Schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.35-.50, livers at \$.75-1.70, and feet at \$.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 02-SEP-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	116-124	125

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO****ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	AVG WT
JULY	27 163.2	163.4 100%	5.07
AUGUST	3 159.6	162.5 98%	4.99
	10 162.5	162.1 100%	5.02
	17 161.4	161.9 100%	5.12
	24 162.7	160.0 102%	4.99
	31 167.6	157.2 107%	4.90
YEAR TO DATE	5505.9	5546.0 99%	
SEPTEMBER	7 157.0		
	14 158.6		

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

W/E	THOUSANDS				
	09/07/02	08/31/02	% CHG	09/08/01	% CHG
Broilers	138,626	165,624*	-16	141,857*	-02
Cattle	632	722	-12	622*	+02
Hogs	1,859	2,011	-08	1,726*	+08

Under Federal Inspection

\* ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Majority prices were unchanged on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Supplies were generally sufficient for trade needs. Demand was moderate for the at least adequate offerings. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
19-26 MAJORITY 20-21	28-36 MAJORITY 29-31

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
21-27.5 MAJORITY 22-22.5	29-38 MAJORITY 31-32.5

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Demand was generally slow and unaggressive for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal. Movement of finished product was fair to moderate with offerings at least sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for numerically low, but fully adequate offerings of leghorn fowl. Schedules were at desired levels to service a slow finished product demand. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Offerings at least fully adequate for the moderate demand. Slaughter schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked desired slaughter schedules. Demand was moderate. Offerings were in fairly good balance with current needs.

#### **LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<b><u>HEAVY</u></b>	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>	<b><u>MAJORITY</u></b>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<b><u>LIGHT</u></b>	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>	<b><u>MAJORITY</u></b>
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal for next week. Finished product supplies cleared satisfactorily and were about adequate to adequate for trade needs. The undertone was generally steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair with schedules normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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